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SUBJECT: AMERICAN TO MANAGE NICARAGUAN AIRLINE

1. NICARAGUA PRESS ANNOUNCED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31, REORGANIZATION OF LINEAS AEREAS DE NICARAGUA (LANICA) ONLY NATIONAL AIRLINE COMPANY OPERATING IN NICARAGUA. NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR IS GENERAL FRANCISCO SAAVEDRA DND NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS WILLIAM SPOHRER. THE FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR CAPTAIN MIGUEL MURCIANO IS NOW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE IN MIAMI, FLORIDA.

2. SPOHRER, AN AMERICAN WHO LIVES IN MIAMI AND COMMUTES TO MANAGUA, WAS FORMERLY A CONSULTANT TO LANICA. SOURCES INDICATE THAT HE HAS BEEN IN NEW POSITION FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS AND IS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE OF LANICA. HE FEELS THAT THE PRESENT BALANCE SHEET IS AN "EMBARRASSMENT" AND HOPES TO TURN THE COMPANY AROUND WITHIN THREE YEARS. AMOUNT OF LOSSES DURING LAST YEAR UNKNOWN.

3. STOCK OF THE CORPORATION OWNED 38 PERCENT BY GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA, PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA AND CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT BY SUMMA CORP (FORMERLY MANAGED BY THE LATE HOWARD HUGHES), 21 PERCENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA, AND 16 PERCENT BY VARIOUS NICARAGUAN STOCKHOLDERS.

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